



FACT SHEET

Intellectual Property and the Arizona Economy

Arizona's Innovators: Patent and Intellectual Property Statistics

- Arizona inventors were awarded 1,730 patents in 2004; 1,714 patents were issued to Arizona inventors in 2003.
- Thirty percent of the utility patents—or patents granted for improvements to or invention of new and useful processes, machines, products or compositions of matter—awarded to Arizona residents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses. Nationwide, about 31 percent of utility patents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses.
- Through July 12, 2005, 862 patents had been issued to Arizona inventors.
- 9,968 patents have been issued to inventors in Phoenix since 1976.

The Arizona Economy: Facts and Figures

- More than one-fourth (25.5 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Arizona depend on exports for their jobs. Nationwide, 20 percent of manufacturing jobs are export-dependant.
- Export-supported jobs account for an estimated six percent of Arizona's total private-sector employment (one of every 16 jobs).
- 85 percent of the companies exporting goods from Arizona in 2002 were small- and medium-sized firms. Small- and medium-sized firms generated nearly one-fifth (19 percent) of Arizona's total exports of merchandise in 2002.
- Arizona's export shipments of merchandise in 2004 totaled \$13.4 billion. Arizona ranked 17th among the 50 states in terms of total exports in 2004.
- Arizona's largest export markets are Mexico (\$3.8 billion, or 28 percent of all exports), Canada (\$1.4 billion) and Malaysia (\$744 million).
- China is Arizona's biggest growth market, in dollar terms. From 2000 to 2004, export shipments to China increased from \$152 million to \$629 million, an increase of 313 percent, or \$477 million.

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